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Mobilization for Peace and Justice: Campus struggles against apartheid and CIA war in Nicaragua set stage for national action

In the Spring of 1985, a new wave of student protest swept our campuses, demanding justice in South Africa and an end to university complicity with apartheid.

In the Spring of 1987, another upsurge of activity, this time directed against the War in Central America and against increasing racist attacks on Black students, has demonstrated that a new student movement has spread and taken root on our campuses as a result of the anti-apartheid protests. We are here today in the tens of thousands because of the strength and success of our many local efforts.

From Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Amherst, Massachusetts, protests against Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) recruiters have put students in the front lines in exposing and condemning CIA atrocities. These many local actions created the

context for the national publicity received by the CIA On Trial project carried out by the Amherst activists. The arrests of Amy Carter and Abbie Hoffman and the dedicated organizing of

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Furthermore, anti-CIA actions have not only happened at traditionally "active" campuses this semester. Visible, militant actions have occurred in all corners of the country, in all types of schools, from "contra" country in Miami, to the grain belt of Illinois. And the actions at larger, more active campuses have grown in size as their demands have escalated.

The student movement also has not forgotten South Africa. Campuses which achieved divestment have gone on to combat domestic racism, realizing that the deeply rooted racism of American society is a primary factor in official support for the racist apartheid

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Build the Student Movement: Attend Meeting, CD Action

The weekend of April 25th will be a busy one. In addition to Saturday's march, two other events afford us opportunities to build the student movement. On Sunday, a national student meeting will give us a chance to meet activists from other campuses in our movement. On Monday, we can combine the strengths of our local anti-CIA campaigns, in a unified CD action on the "company's" headquarters in Langley, VA.

National Student Meeting

This weekend, a number of national student organizations will discuss the struggles of our movement. Sunday the 26th, in a national student meeting from 11-2. The meeting was called by all student organizations participating in the National Mobilization, and topics of discussion should include the struggle against racism on our campuses, the upsurge in protests against CIA recruiting, anti-apartheid work and, perhaps most importantly, how we can continue to work together to build our movement. All students are encouraged to attend.

Direct Action At CIA Headquarters

Over the past semester, students have led the attack in directly targeting the CIA for its role in the War in Central America.

Monday, the 27th, we'll be in Langley, VA, protesting at C.I.A. national headquarters. This will represent a significant escalation over past national actions, in targeting directly the most murderous arm of the U.S. government.

Look for the student contingent and student affinity groups.

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